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Title: **CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS**

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to a Notification of Missing Requirements mailed December 21, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. With the extension, the deadline for response is March 21, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$120.00 and any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 503570. A **duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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